

Bird notes.
Ramanathapuram

from 1.1.1973 to
To 11.7.1974

Common Birds seen
around
Ramnagar

1. House crow
2. Jungle crow
3. Brahminy Kite
4. Pariah Kite
5. House Sparrow
6. Common Myna
7. Black Drongo
8. Roller
9. Paddy Bird
10. Little Egret.

5-1-73 VAIGAI THARAVAI and Back via Manda
lam Road 3.00-5.30 P.M

Bright sunny afternoon - Only Gentle
Breeze from north - No Rain for the past
one week. Paddy fields harvesting
going on. Fully water logged in many
places.

Vaigai Tharavai soaked with
oozing water. Birds only in small
numbers - Pelicans and Painted storks
not seen - may be sitting in the
far off shore.

Cutting of trees going into the
thorn forest - where I used see many
small songsters.

* ^{Ashy} Seven Swallow Shrikes sat close
without any gap between them on electric
wire. So far large large numbers seen together.

Two Pied Harriers flew very
low near Tharavai. Right very helpful to
have a good look for more than three min.
One hover high up in the air.

|| Two Bay backed Shrikes indu-
ed in courting activities. One bird

leowed sever times to its mate sitting
near by. Then they tried preen each
other. Before this there was loud call
from both birds. After five minutes the
flew off.

- 11 Green Bee Eater
- 12 Blue Tailed "
- 13 White Breasted Kingfisher
- 14 Tern
- 15 Jungle Babbler
- 16 Purple Sunbird
- 17 Ashy Swallow Shrike
- 18 Coacoul
- 19 Spotted Dove
- 20 Pied Warrier
- 21 Paddyfield Warbler
- 22 Palm Swift
- 23 Swallow
- 24 Redvented Bulbul
- 25 Grey Heron
- 26 Golden Plover
- 27 R. R. Plover
- 28 Little Stint.
- 29 Median Egret
- 30 Common Sandpiper
- 31 Spotted Sandpiper
- 32 Indian Robin

- 33 Baya Weaver
- 34 Maran Bushlark
- 35 Richards Pipit
- 36 Bay Backed Shrike
- 37 ~~Koel~~
- 38 Cormorant
- 39 Golden Backed Woodpecker
- 40 Grey Partridge
- 41 Tee-Tee Warbler
- 42 Tree Warbler
- 43 Brown Swift
- 44 Parakeet
- 45 Spotted Owllet (Heard)

2.1.1973 Terkku Tharavai 3.30 to 5.30 P.M.

Along railway line and turn to south. But unable to approach the big spread of water. In the small pool in foreground only Little Ringed Plovers and Stints

On the way I saw a Kestrel over sakka rakkotattai. In the hedges Three kinds of Shrikes were there. Cattle

Egrets flew in groups 20 to 30 towards north east about 4.30 P.M.

I saw four such groups. One Fan tailed Warbler and another Warbler

were there. Richard's Pipits were there on the grass land adjoining the water.

Bohmian Myna, ^{common} Myna, Bohmian

Kite and Pariah Kite also were

there. Pariah Kite building its nest in the Palmaris Palm.

13.1.1973 Peria Kammai Thattu

WATER level BELOW 20 POINTS

5.30 to 6.15 P.M.

By cycling - Partly cloudy but unusually warm sunny day. Not windy or chilly as it will be usually in this part of the year.

I was lucky to see unusually a large number of birds in such a short trip that is in the late afternoon.

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| 1. Jungle Crow | 15. Common Bee Eater |
| 2. Common Crow | 16. Pied King Fishes |
| 3. Sparrow | 17. W. Breasted King Fishes |
| 4. Common Myna | 18. Roller |
| 5. Brahminy Myna | 19. Bl. Belled Finch Lark |
| 6. Cattle Egret - Bare | |
| 7. Little Egret (with two crests on head but bill black) | |
| 8. Median Egret (fighting) | |
| 9. Paddy Bird (Breeding) | 20. Tree Pipit |
| 10. Grey Heron | 21. Sky Lark |
| 11. Teal | 23. Cormorant - |
| 12. Common Teal | |
| 13. Duck (large under wing white) | |
| 14. Koel | |

24. Little ringed Plover
25. Kentish Plover
26. Spotted Sandpiper
27. Green Sandpiper
28. Golden Plover
29. White Breasted Waterhen
30. Pintail Snipe
31. PAINTED SNIPE ♀
32. Kestrel
33. Pariah Kite
34. Brahminy Kite
35. Red vented Bulbul
36. Common Babbler
37. (House colour) Warbler
38. Streaked Warbler
39. Common Swallow
40. Palm Swift
41. Drongo
42. Hoopoe

21.1.73 Devipattanam 4.56 P.m.

Bright Sunny Day - Little Breeze from
Sea - Almost all uplains Dry - About to be
irrigated for uppu.

Photographing The birds - Ulagi also
accompanied me - 20 snaps - including
one flying White Bellied Sea Eagle. Few
birds were seen.

43. White bellied sea Eagle
44. Grey Plover
45. Dunlin
46. Indian Reef Heron
47. Great Egret
48. ~~Teals~~ Teals of a kind
49. Curlew
50. Whimbrel
51. Indian Alpine Swift.
52. Brown Headed Gull
53. Great Black Backed Gull
54. Indian Whiskered Tern

Able to photograph a flock of Teals, Whimbrels
and Gulls - a single Indian Reef Heron
and Two Great Herons.

22.1.73 Periakammal Thattu. 6.45 to 7.45 A.M.

Water below 24 Points - Bright sunny
day - with camera -

55. Little Cormorants (50) Photographed
56. Grey Partridge (10)
57. Rose Ringed Parakeet
58. Blue Tailed Bee Eater.
59. Grey Shrike
60. Grey Headed Wagtail
61. Pied Wagtail

In the evenings the Birds are
not as numerous as in the morning

62. White Bellied Drongo
63. Purple Sunbird
64. Golden Oriole
65. Jungle Owlet.
66. Pied Crested Cuckoo

Grey Partridges which were absent
for the past three months are numerous and
are feeding even on Road side.

24.1.73 Sakarakottai Kammai 7.00-7.45 A.M.

Partly cloudy chill Morning - unusual
wind from North West -

About 2000 Felimonings were
there near 3 K.M mark in the Kam
mai. Another huge flock in the
far off western edge. Photographed
10 exposures. When the boy with
me whistled and clapped his
hands they took off to the western
edge.

The Brahmany Kite sitting
in the usual nest and when I was
talking to boy it tried to pluck my
head. Photographed over head flight.

Teals, Terns, few Egrets.
also were there.

Teals one frame. Kite Two
Frames. Absence of Herons notable

67. Felimonings

68. Yellow Throated Sparrow

திருவெற்றிலை
26.1.1973 THIRUVETRIYOR - 9.00 - 11.00 A.M.

Partly Cloudy sunny day - திருவெற்றிலை between
Tindian and Thiruvadanai - Branching at about 10KM
from Thiruvadanai 6KM South -

Gray Herons, Egrets, Spoonbills are breeding
in Kanmai with ^{by} Acacia trees. There ~~are~~ ^{is}
about hundred trees with birds and
whether there is nests ^{all} in ^{is} not known. One
should visit during November to ascertain
the fact. Cormorants are occupying few
trees predominantly. One or two Pelicans
are there. The absence of Painted storks
notable. The trees are about 70 to 100
meters from the shore and the shore
is fairly clear of seamai Kanvel. One
should spend some time there.

On the way to Thiruvadanai
I met numerous birds. Teals, shrikes
herons are notable while returning
via Uppoor many Plovers and sandpipers
were seen. From Thondi to Uppoor the
new East coast road is very bird land.
There are numerous streams suitable
habitats for sandpipers.

The route -

R.S. Mangalam

Thiruvadanai

Pondi

KMG

Tiruvalliyar

uppar

6 km

Tirupattinagar

Devipattinam

Devipattinam

Ramnagar

67. Shag
68 Spoonbills
69 Pelican
70 Marsh Harrier
71. Godwit

68 Spoonbills

69 Pelican

70 Marsh Harrier

71. Good wit

28.1.1973 KANCHIRANKULAM 9.00-10-30 A.M.

Utharakosamanga 20 km → 915am badal 11 km
→ Sikkil 10 km → Mudukulathur 24 km 61-75
Kanjirankulam 4 km

Return Journey: Multhukulathur - Paramakudi -
Ramanay

Very hot cloudless day

Painted Storks in large numbers ^(about 2000)
and Pelicans about 50 to 75 are breeding
There are chicks in few nests of the Painted
Storks and eggs in many nests. They
are bringing sticks and green leaves.
This year they occupy more trees even
near the shore. But on big tree bearing
with nests last year is empty. They are
not preferring Vagai.

I came across few Glossy
Ibis and ^{many} Black necked Ibis. Glossy
Ibis were not there during last year.
Coots are there in the tank. On the

Way I came across ten to twelve Ducks
greyish in colour near Melai Seval Patti
People said that birds were also there
in Chittarakudi. I should make a trip
there next time.

72. ~~Black~~ ~~crossed~~ Ibis

73. Black Necked Ibis

74. Coot

75. Bay Backed Shrike

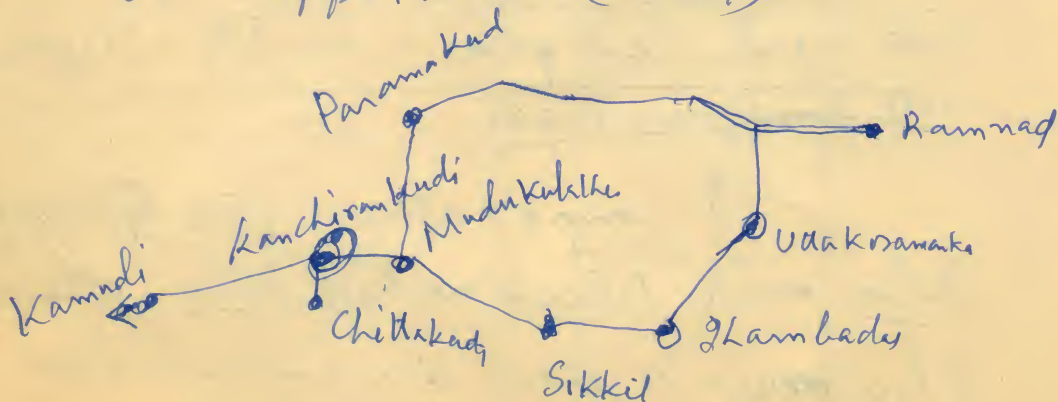
76. ~~White Bellied~~ ~~fair~~ ~~tailed~~ ~~Shrike~~ Warbler

77. Tree Pie

78. Head Black - Underparts  Kite

79. Another Eagle

80. Coppersmith (heard)



1-2-73 Periakannai Thenkalingo - 5.45-7.45 A.M

Went by bus ~~at~~ and it was dark when I got down from bus and sat on the parapet wall for about 15 minutes.

Some 300 to 400 birds Night Herons seen flying towards north from 5.45 to 6.45 A.M in groups while flocks of Little Egrets fly from north to south. It is a sight worth watching in the Early hours.

Saw one Black winged kite after long interval. Tailor Bird a record for three or four months.

Pelicans follow one behind another there were about 100 to 150 in number. A flock of Felmingos stood very closely and moved away. Absence of Painted strokes notable. 50 to 70 Dunlins were there - absence of Shits.

1. Felmingo
2. Pelican
3. Little Cormorant
4. Grey Heron
5. Pond Heron
6. Cattle Egret

7. Median Egret
8. Little Egret
9. Night Heron
10. Open billed Stork (one young?)
11. Common Teal
12. Pintail
13. Red Crested Pochard
14. Black Wing Kite
15. Pariah Kite
16. Booming Kite
17. Tawny Eagle
18. Grey Partridge (heard)
19. L. Ring Plover
20. Spotted Sandpiper
21. Green Siskin
22. Green Sandpiper
23. Common Sandpiper
24. Dunlin
25. Common Snipe
27. Lesser Black Backed Gull
28. Indian Whiskered Tern
29. Palm Swift
30. White Breasted Kingfisher

Indian

31. Roller

32. Black Bellied finch Lark

33. Sky Lark

34. Common Swallow

35. Brown Shrike

36. King Crow

37. White bellied Drongo

38. House Crow

39. Jungle Crow

40. Red vented Bulbul

41. Jungle Babbler

42. Streaked Wren Warbler

43. Tailor Bird

44. Brown Warbler

45. Grey Wagtail

46. Spotted Dove

3.2. 73 → 47. Ring Dove

48. ROSY PASTOR? First time Record (see next Page)

49. Crimson Barbet

57. Tree Pie

50. Brown headed Gull

51. Purple Sunbird

52. Common Bee Eater

53. Blue Tailed Bee Eater

54. Yellow Throated Sparrow

55. Spotted Munia

56. Golden Oriole

3.2.1973 Sakkarakottai Kanmai 7.00 to 7.30 A.M.

For the first time I am able to see and identify a flock of 20-30 ^{Grey headed Mynas} ~~Rosy Pastor~~ which of course I had seen in flight in the past but unable to identify. The Birds which I observed four years back in the evening while I went for a walk in Sulus during an evening may be ^{Grey headed Mynas} ~~Rosy Pastor~~. On that day they flew in flocks of hundreds continuously for more than an hour from 4 to 6 P.M.

Felimigo flew about 6.45 from Thekku Tharavi to S. Kottai Kanmai. The total number of Teals and Ducks may be around 5000 today morning. A Blue Tailed bee eater in the juvenile plumage all rosy red above and below was on the wire. I saw Tree Pie without its long tail - how it ~~lost it~~ ^{lost it} a cloud have lost it.

6.2.1973 Vaigaittharavai 8-30 to 8.15 A.M.

Bright sunny Morning. grass patches almost dried up - still there is water in the middle low lagoons -

Painted Storks in flocks 15 to 20 flew towards the Tharavai. Golden Plovers are less in number. Pelicans and Indian Reef Herons absent.

One Pale Harrier and ^{one} Caspian Tern were there. A fight between a crow and a Snipe for about five minutes and the Snipe overcame the crow and persuaded it so many times failed to photograph it.

58. Indian Robin

59. Tawny Eagle

60. Coacoul

61. ~~White bellied Drongo~~

62. Hoopoe

63. Pied Harrier

64. Caspian Tern

65. Painted Stork

66. Golden Plover

67. Snipe ?

68. Black Headed Gull

69. Common Kingfisher

70. Golden Backed Woodpecker

71. Shikara

72. Peafowl

73. Ternlet

75. Tree Pipit

16-2-1973 ~~Sattar~~ Peria Kannai
North Kalungu

5-31 66-3-77

Water Level 15 Batches Visible

For the past one week 9-2-73 to 15-2-73
water was led out from Vaigai dam
and there is considerable inflow in the
Peria Kannai. on 12-2-1973 I was able
to saw three kinds of terns in Peria
Kannai. They were about twenty in
number and fishing in the company of
one or two Gulls. Ternlets also were
there a first record for Periakannai
an inland lake. The flamingo were
absent due to water the rising of water
level.

- 76. Jungle Owlet
- 77. Pied Kingfisher
- 78. Spoonbill
- 79 White Throated Munia
- 80 Spotted Munia

Common teal
White breastnut.
head and bright
red eyes were
in the Markets.

17-2-1973 Devipattanam 3-45 to 6-15
P.M.

28.2.1973 - almost High tide - but the seawent back a little at 6.00 P.M. - slight wind -

To day due to the winds and high tide almost all the birds are faraway near the bushes in the northern sides. Indian Reef Herons are in large numbers. ^{Dusky} Red Shanks and Great Stone Plovers are birds new to that place. White bellied Sea Eagle flew along the sea coast at the dusk usually. Absence of Terns and little birds and Godwits are notable.

81. White Bellied Sea Eagle

82. Great Indian Stone Curlew

83. Whimbrel

84. Curlew

85. Garganey

86. Dusky Red Shank

87. Lesser Sand Plover

88. Indian Reef Heron

89. Marsh warbler

90. Little Stint

91. Grey Plover

92. Kentish Plover

93. Pied white Wagtail

94. Kestrel

20.2.72 Sakkarai Kattai Kammal. 7.30 to 8.30 A.M.

cloudy. Partly sunny.

Falimingo's in three groups were at the distance. 9-10 Large Egrets with yellowish bills were there. They were fishing singly. Their stretched necks gives them a majestic look. The birds that frequent the Peepal trees were Grey head mynahs - ~~while~~ returning a saw a party of Cuckoo Shrikes.

95. Cuckoo Shrikes

96. Grey Headed Myna

97. Large Egret-

21.2.72 Peria Kammal - 6-45 to 8.00 A.M.

3rd Mathagadi.

Falimingos were in the southern end. Small Terns, Green Shanks, Pipits. Pintails. Grey Headed Mynas were there while returning two Richard's Pipits with very long claws were sitting on the wire. One Large Egret were also there.

98. Richard's Pipit

99. Bar tailed Godwit

100 Black tailed Godwit

23.2.72 Sakkarakkottai Kanmai. 7.30 to 8.15

- Cloudy dim weather -

8 to 10 Large Egrets were there. One pair of Lesser Black Backed Gull was there. One bird flew very low almost touching the water and catch fish another sits quietly in the water very near the road. Three Juvenile Crested Pied Cuckoos were in the vella marum. I noticed a pair of Shikras building their nest in the Poomegant tree. I should watch them closely. The little tern and another tern with sharply forked tail were there. Grey Headed mynas were there. Falcons and Pelicans were on the other end of the Kanmai.

~~101. Lesser Black backed Gull~~

102. Shikra

102. Cotton Teal (in the market only with Green speculum - head brown - 10-12 birds).

24.2.72 Periakammai - South Kalinga. 7.30 to 8.00 A.M.

Falcons and Pelicans were there. High wind Swifts and swallows in huge numbers over Peria Kanmai. Swift able Swallow able to stand still against wind.

103. Little Grebe.

25.2.1973 East towards Kemikarai 6.45 to 7.45 A.M.

Only $\frac{1}{2}$ k.m from my house - hedges
and small Pools of water - Warm morning

Birds seen

Crow

Jungle Crow

Purple Sunbird

Little Egret

B. Kite

Barrak Kite

Dawny Eagle

Cotton Teal

Crebe.

Common Kingfisher

Common Myna

Brahmy Myna

Pied Crested Cuckoo

Indian Robin

Coppersmith

Warbler (White Throat)

King Crow

Drongo

Pied Wagtail

Sky Lark

House Sparrow

Rock Pigeon

Paddy Bird

Palm Swift

Redvented Bulbul

Parakeet (Rose Ringed)

Common Babbler

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27.2.1973 East towards Mullukadu 6.45 to 8.15 A.M.
1.50 H.M.

Bright sunny day - able to see vast numbers
of birds - water dried up in the Mullukadu area

Grey Heron
Indian Woodland Tern
B. Kite
P. Kite
T. Eagle
Shikra
Little Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
Spotted Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Bristailed Godwit
Little Stint
Bittern
Little Egret
Medium Egret
Paddy Bird
Night Heron
Common Bee Eater
White Breasted W. Heron
Grebe
Brown Shrike
Parakeet
Blue Jay
Brahmany Myna

Pied Wagtail
White Breasted Kingfisher
Pied Kingfisher
Indian Robin
Tree Pipit
Black bellied Finch Lark
Common Sparrow
Sky Lark
Palm Swift
~~Chorus~~ Crow
Jungle Crow
Straited Warbler
Brown Warbler
Coppersmith
King Crow
Drongo
Brown headed Gull
Warblers.
Lesser Sand Plover
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Golden Oriole

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28-2-1973 Sakkarakkai Kammal 8-30 69.45 A.m.

Very hot sunny day. No clouds.
Water going down rapidly.

Plican (300 to 500)

Painted Struck

Grey Heron

Purple Heron

Large Egret

Median Egret

Small Egret

Paddy Bird

Gull Billed Tern

Indian Whiskered Tern

Lesser Black Backed Gull

Brown Headed Gull

Black Headed Gull

L. R. Plover

Kentish Plover

Spotted Sandpiper

Little Stint

Common Sandpiper

Black bellied Finch Lark

Tree Pipit

Common Myna

Grey headed myna

Pied Kingfisher

White Breasted "

Common "

Parakeet- "

Purple Sunbird

Pariah Kite

Brahminy Kite

Yellow Throated Sparrow

House Sparrow

Striated Warbler

Blue Tailed Heron

Common Babbler

Jungle Babbler

King Crow

Drongo

House Crow

Jungle Crow

Flamingo

Pied Crested Cuckoo

Black Winged Stit

8-3-1973 Periakannai North Kalinga 6:30 AM
7:30 AM

37 Batches Visible - hot sunny day.

Felmingos making lot of noise and coming towards bund while the sun goes up. Only Little Birds in the Burkes. not interesting as were in the past months

1. Black Winged Kite
2. Pariah Kite
3. Brahminy Kite.
4. Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike
5. Little Grebe
6. White Breasted Water hen
7. Felmingos
8. Swallows
9. Palm Swift
10. Koel
11. White Breasted Kingfisher
12. House Crow
13. Jungle Crow
14. Pied Crested Cuckoo
15. Little Egret
16. Medium Egret
17. Common Sandpiper
18. Spotted Sandpiper
19. L. Ringed Plover
20. Common Bee Eater
21. Tree Pipit
22. Paddy Bird
23. Sky Lark
24. Richard's Pipit
25. B. Bellied Lark

9.3.1973 Sakkanakottai Kammai 6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

Bright sunny morning - water decreasing
swiftly. There may be pelicans and Puffins,
nearly thousand in each category. Very
interesting active Bird life for the coming
fifteen days.

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| 26. Pelican | 47. Golden Oriole |
| 27. Curlew (2) | 48. Red vented Bulbul |
| 28. Little Stint | 49. Common Myna |
| 29. Grey Plover | 50. Brahmany Myna |
| 30. Kentish Plover | 51. Purple Sunbird |
| 31. Black Headed Gull | 52. Brown Warbler |
| 32. Brown Headed Gull | 53. Striped Warbler |
| 33. Less B. Backed Gull | 54. Coppersmith |
| 34. Whiskered Tern | 55. Hoopoe |
| 35. Gull Billed Tern | 56. Spotted Owl |
| 36. Crested Tern | 57. Night Heron |
| 37. Grey Heron | 58. Bittern |
| 38. Purple Heron | 60. Pied Kingfisher |
| 39. Large Egret | 61. Pied Wagtail |
| 40. Green Shank | 62. Black winged Stilt |
| 41. Spoon Bill | 63. Lesser Sand Plover |
| 42. Common Teal | |
| 43. Wtton Teal | |
| 45. Yellow Throated | |
| 46. Drongo | Sparrow |

12.3.1973 Sakkarai Kottai Kanmai 7.00-8.30 A.M.

For the first time I went along the southern
bund about 2 K.M. Huge flocking of Pelicans
and Painted storks were there. Few Spoonbills
and 10 to 12 Black necked Ibis also were there.
One man with gun was waiting saying that
birds will come near the bund by 12.00 noon.
10 to 12 Felingos only were there.

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| 64. Black necked Ibis | 70. Blue Tailed |
| 65. Spoonbills. | Bee-eater |
| 66. Indian Reef Heron. | 71. Honey Eagle |
| 67. Bay Weaver | 72. Dawg Eagle |
| 68. Kentucky Plover | 73. Another Swift |
| 69. Rose Ring Neck Parakeet | |

12.3.1973 In the evening while returning
from walk noted a pair of Barn Owl (7.00 P.M.)
scribbling on the dried ~~Horroo~~ near the temple
near Abdulla's house.

74 Barn Owl

13.3.73 Path toward Lakshmi Doruni 6.30 to 7.15 A.M.

- noted 32 species - 77.

75. Rufous Shrike
76. ~~Black~~ ~~Throat~~ ~~Red~~ ~~Wing~~ ~~Blue~~ ~~Babbler~~
77. Indian Robin
78. Rock Pigeon

14.3.73 Madurai Road - 7 Railway line
6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

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| 79. Marsh Harrier | 82. Jungle Babbler |
| 80. Pintail Snipe | 83. White Throated |
| 81. Brown Shrike | 84. White Throated Munia |

16.3.73 Devipattanam Road up to TK.M 6.30-8.00

Bright sunny day -

Finch Larks and warblers were in large numbers. At one spot 10-15 Richards and Tree Pipit were there on wire. Marsh Harrier were also there. 30-50 Pelicans flew over head they came diagonally in a beautiful straight line and they formed their usual one behind the other form just each bird changing its direction. One Black Bittern also was near 5 K.M mark.

- 85. Ring Dove
- 86. Faintail Brown Warbler
- 87. Tree Pie
- 88. Grey Partridge
- 89. Brown Swift (in hundreds)
- 90. Little Prinia
- 91. Red Winged Lark.

22.3.73 Periakannai N. Kalingu 7.30 to 8.15 ^{Am.}

Sunny Sultry day - water completely dried up near the Kalingu. In the Kannai some ten feet beyond the solitary tree.

Larks, and spotted sandpipers warblers are in large number.

One Black Ibis flushed unexpectedly. Kambu and Edlu or about to ripen and it will attract large number of Finches and Larks. ~~The will be~~. A dozen or so Pintails flew in the Kannai, neck and underparts pure white head and back black.

92 Cattle Egret

93. Golden backed wood pecker

94 Black Ibis

95 Pale Harrier (female)

29.3.73

29.3.73 Sakaraitkhai Kamai 8-30 AM 9.15 P.M.

Water almost dried up only in the western end Painted Strotes, Fellingmings Pelicans, Large Egrets, Spoonbills, and huge flock of Gulls were there in the western edge. Stints, and other little water were flying in huge collection (100-150)

3 in 5 Gulls attained brown head. One or two black headed one few lesser black backed Gulls were there. In the early hours Tern, Whiskered and Gull billed were very active.

It is difficult to photograph as there is no trees for cover and the birds used to flew off even I very far off.

The water will be there upto 15.4.1973 if there is no Rain.

31.3.73 இந்தியாவில் உதய ^{உயர்} அஸ்தமனம் - 6.45 to 7.30 A.M.

Cloudy weather. - no sun - ~~only~~
Puddly only in few fields.

1. House Crow
2. Jungle Crow
- 3 H. Sparrow
4. Br. Kite
5. Pariah Kite
6. Common Myna
7. White breasted Kingfish
8. Little Egret
9. Paddy Bird
10. Roller.
11. C. Swallow
12. Palm Swift
13. Another Swift
- 14 B. Drongo
15. ~~Grey~~ Drongo
- 16 Indian Robin
18. Red winged Skylark
19. Lesser Sand Plover
20. Black Winged Stilt
21. Spotted Sandpiper
22. Purple Sunbird
23. Warbler.
24. Rock Pigeon
25. Spoon bill
26. Cattle Egret
27. Rufous Shrike
28. Brown Shrike
29. ' " Shrike
- 30 Pied Wag tail
31. C. Cuckoo
32. Common Babbler
- 33 Parakeet
- 34 Tawny Eagle
- 35 Black bellied F. Lark
- 36 Hoopoe
37. Coucal
- 38 Koel
- 39 Common Bee Eater

Thirupullari to } 6.15 to 9.45 A.M.
1.4.73 Sethukarai }

Cloudy weather - NO Rain. NO Sun
walked from Thirupullari to Sethukarai
and back upto 2-k.m. marks. few
Gulls taking bath.

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| 1. Common Bee Eater | 18. Madras Bush lark |
| 2. Kestrel (Near Sea Coast) | 19. Tree Pipit |
| 3. Grey Heron. | 20. Black Bellied E lark |
| 4. Bar tailed Godwit | 21. Common Babbler |
| 5. Lesser Sand Plover | 22. Jungle Babbler |
| 6. Little Green Heron | 23. Tree Warbler |
| 7. Common Sand piper | 24. Polyt Reed Warbler |
| 8. Grey Plover (winter Plumage) | 25. Tailor Bird |
| 9. Kentish Plover | 26. Coucal |
| 10. Little Ring Plover | 27. Yellow Throated Sparrow |
| 11. Caspian Tern | 28. Median W Reef Heron
Egret White Spc |
| 12. Indian Whiskered Tern | 29. White breasted Kingfisher |
| 13. Brown headed Gull. | 30. Shikra |
| 14. Ashy Swallow Shrike | 31. White Throated Munia |
| 15. Indian Wood Shrike | 32. Ring Dove |
| 16. Bay Backed Shrike | 33. Grey Patoige (Heard) |
| 17. Cuckoo Shrike | 34. Brahminy Myna |
| | 35. Palm Swift |
| | 36. Brown Bellied Swift |
| | 37. Grey Drongo |
| | 38. Tawny Eagle |
| | 39. Parakeet |
| | 40. |

- 41. Redvented Bulbul
- 42. Purple Sunbird
- 43. Indian Robin

Absence of Pied crested cuckoo and Koel notable. Green Billed Malkoha was also absent. Curlew and Wimbled not found in the sea coast. Practically no terns were there.

No rain for the past two or three months. No green grass in the thorn forest which were becoming scarce as the coconut troops are developing.

Absent of Blue tailed Bee Eater at the sea coast also notable.

Presence of Kestrel only new feature.

3.4.1973 Lakshmi Uoorini - 6.45 to 7.15 A.M.
Surroundings

Rain previous day about 0.5 c.m. - Cloudy
Weather.

Today I am able to see about-
10 little grebes in the little pool which
part becoming dry. 2 Black headed
Cuckoo ^{Shrikes} were seen chasing each other.
A pariah Kites nest is ready in the
Palmarah tree. The Blackwinged Sticks
were absent to day.

1 Purple Sunbird

44 2 Black headed Cuckoo
Shrikes

45 3 White breasted Water hen

4 Yellow Throated Sparrow

5 Indian Robin

6 Madras Bush lark

7 Common Sandpiper

46 8 Koel (Heard)

47 9 Spotted Owl

10 White breasted Kingfisher

48 11. Rock Pigeon

49 12. Red Crested Cuckoo

13 Rose ringed Parakeet

50 14. Pied Wagtail

4.4.1973 Vaigaitaravai → Pattanam Kathar → Ramnagar
6.30 to 8.30 AM Slight rain previous rain - dry fields -

The grass in the Vaigaitaravai becomes semi dry, still water in the deep shallow ditches - Golden Plovers in lesser numbers not yet attained summer plumage.

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| 51 | 1. Painted Stork | 24. | Brahminy Myna |
| 52 | 2. Gull-billed Tern | 25 | Laughing |
| | 3. Grey Heron | 26 | Koel |
| | 4. Godwit | 27 | Tawny Eagle |
| 53 | 5. Golden Plover | 28 | Purple Starling |
| | 6. Lesser Sand Plover | 29. | Indian Robin |
| | 7. Kentish Plover | 30 | Jungle Babbler |
| | 8. L.R. Plover | 31. | Common Babbler |
| | 9. Red Shank | 32 | Common Sandpiper. |
| 54 | 10. Spotted Dove | 33. | Rock Pigeon. |
| | 11. Ring Dove | 34. | Fried Crested Cuckoo |
| 55 | 12. Golden-backed Woodpecker | 35 | Hoopoe. |
| | 13. B. Bellied P. Lark | 36. | White-breasted Kingfisher |
| 56 | 14. Richard's Pipit | 37. | Palm Swift |
| | 15. Ashy Swallow Shrike | 38. | Brown Swift |
| | 16. Bay-backed Shrike | 39 | Golden Oriole |
| | 17. Wood Shrike | 59 | 40 Common Swallow |
| 57 | 18. Brown Shrike | 60 | 41 Copper Smith (Heard) |
| 58 | 19. Grey Shrike | | 44. Common Babblers |
| | 20. White-throated Munia | | 45 Red-bellied Bulbul. |
| | 21. Red-bellied Bulbul | | |
| | 22. Rose Ring Parakeet | | |
| | 23. Common Sandpiper | | |

5.4.73 5:00 AM 4 K.m. from R.S. 7.45 to 8.00
1 K.m. from Main Road to R.S. 8.00 AM

Rain 36 hours before - 22.0000 0.0000
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20.0000 20.0000. Open billed Storks in white plumage
about twenty - Spoonbills young ones with black
edged wings and Rosy Spoonbills without any
Cinnamon mark on neck. Pelicans and
Pelicans absent. People say Pelicans may
visit in the evening. White shafted Ternlet
noisy and chasing each other flying high
in the air able to stand still for some
time like white Pied Kingfisher - bill
yellow - face head white crown black.
One or two River Terns - White whiskered
Terns in large numbers. One one
Brown headed Gull and one Lesser
Black Backed Gull. One Eastern Reef
Heron among Egrets. Huge collection
of (300 to 400) Stints and Lesser Sand
Plovers. 3 to 5 Curlews.

5.4.73 ← detailed Report in Previous Page

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| 1. Painted Stork | 27. White breasted Kingfisher |
| 61 2. Open Billed Stork | 75 28. Pied Kingfisher |
| 62 3. Spoonbills | 29. Blyth's Reed Warbler |
| 63 4. Indian Reef Heron | 30. Common Warblers |
| 64 5. Large Egret | 31. Brown Shrike |
| 65 6. Medium Egret | 76 32. Weaver Bird |
| 7. Grey Heron | 33. Tree Pipit |
| 66 9. Lesser Cormorant | 34. Black Bellied Lark |
| 10. Little Grebe | 35. Madras Bush Lark |
| 11. Lesser Sand Plover | 36. Golden B. Woodpecker |
| 12. Little Stint | 37. Pied Crested Cuckoo |
| 67 13. Curlew | 38. Koel |
| 14. Spotted Sandpiper | 39. Common Reef Eater |
| 15. Common Sandpiper | 40. Yellow Throated Sparrow |
| 16. Ketish Plover | 41. Grey Drongo |
| 17. L. R. Plover | 42. Red Shank |
| 18. Indian Whiskered Tern | 43. Spotted Dove |
| 68 19. River Tern | 43. Palm Swift |
| 69 20. White shaptes Ternlet | 44. Brown Swift |
| 70 21. Gull billed Tern | 45. Common Babler |
| 22. Brown Headed Gull | 46. R. Vented Babul |
| 71 23. Lesser Black backed Gull | |
| 72 24. Common Teal | |
| 73 25. Coastal Teal | |
| 74 26. Marsh Harrier | |

6.4.73
Periakammai - Southern Kalining 6.00 to 7.15 pm

Cloudy sunless morning - water just at the trees edge -

Two huge flocks of Gulls went towards North to the sea or breeding ground? Teals flown in huge flocks. Few Pintails were there. No pelicans or Painted Storks in large numbers.

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| 77 1. Black winged Kite. | 78 21. Grey Headed Wagtail |
| 2. Tawny Eagle | 22. Pied Wagtail |
| 3. Shikra | 23. Brown Shrike |
| 4. Cormorant | 24. R. Wented Bulbul |
| 5. Painted Stork | 25. White breasted Waterhen |
| 6. C-sandpiper | 26. Masked Egret |
| 7. Spotted Sandpiper | 27. Night Heron. |
| 8. Stint. | 28. B. Bellied Fin Lark |
| 9. Madras Bushlark | 29. Cuckoo |
| 10. Tree Pipit | 30. Brahminy Myna |
| 11. Koll | 31. Common Teal |
| 12. Parakeet | 32. Pin Tail |
| 13. Golden Oriole | 33. White breasted Kingfisher |
| 14. Palm Swift. | 34. Caspian Tern |
| 15. Brown Swift | 35. Gullbilled Tern |
| 16. Common Swallow | 36. Brown headed Gull |
| 17. Bdy LB Reed Warbler | 79 37. Night-Heron |
| 18. Reed Warbler | |
| 19. Striated Warbler | |
| 20. White Throated Munia | |

7.4.73 Ramad to Thiruchendur 8.00 A.M to 1.30 P.M

By State Bus

Cloudy Raining day.

Even though most of tanks enroute were dried up there are still water in the low lying parts in certain tanks. Near Sikkal in a tank a group of Painted Storks were there. Heron and Black Ibis are also seen around Sikkil. Near Arvadi Doves are seen in huge numbers. There was no movement of Gulls in the Thiruchendur coast as I witnessed during December last. In all I was able to count about forty birds while travelling. Except the Turtle Dove no new species were seen enroute.

11-4-73 Jordan Lake - 5-00 to 6-30 P.m.

Very hot sunny day - Wind from East, blowing steadily - water almost reaching the bund - a gunman fired a shot at about 5-30 - two Little Egret were fell.

Able to see 35 birds almost ^{seen on 5.4.73 morning} the same birds but in lesser ~~num~~ numbers. A Ternlet catch a fish a little larger in size and flew hither and thither pinching it difficult to swallow the victims. Common Teal, Pintail, and Coot Teal. Grey Heron, Curlew and Whimbres (noisy) were there in one or two.

80. Green Shanks

81. Grey Partridge

82. Whimbrel

12-4-73 Periakam mai - 926 to 1000-3 - 6.15 to 7.45 A.M.

- hot morning -

Pelicans, Painted storks and Large Egrets were in large numbers. Grey Herons, Avocets, Terns, Teals were also there. Flamingos were only in small numbers when compared to the last year huge collections. Pelicans which were very far off came slowly towards the bund. Witnessed nuptial flight of Tree Pipit.

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| 83 1. Flamingos (10) | 21. Tree Pipit |
| 84 2. Pelicans (750) | 22. Mad Bush Lark |
| 8 3. Ceylon (little) | 23. B. Bellied F Lark |
| 4. Painted Stork (500) | 24. Grey Drongo |
| 5. Large Egret | 25. Parakeet |
| 6. Grey Herons | 26. W. Breasted K fisher |
| 7. Br Headed Gull | 27. Warbler |
| 8. Lesser B. Backed Gull | 29. Striated Warbler |
| 9. Gull bellied Tern | 30. Pied Wagtail |
| 10. River Tern | |
| 11. Common Sandpiper | |
| 12. L. R. Plover | |
| 13. Lesser Plover | |
| 14. Little Stint. | |
| 15. Spotted Sandpiper | |
| 85 16. Avocet. | |
| 17. Ring Dove | |
| 18. Ashy Swallow Shrike | |
| 19. Pied Cr. Cuckoo | |
| 20. Y. Throated Sparrow | |

14. 4.73 Periakannai - cont - 3 - ~~Amind~~ ^{Amind} ~~Amind~~ ^{Amind} 7.45 to

Hot sunny day - Prof Graham accompanied me. 8.45 AM

Pelicans which in large numbers on 13-4-73 were absent to-day - spoonbills, Gulls, Large Egrets were in hundreds. Whistling or Common Teal also were there. Grey Herons and Painted Storks about 100 Each. Grey Headed Wagtail about 500 in the Paddy field.

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| 1. Black Winged Kite | 22. Black Winged Stilt |
| 2. Spittle Sandpiper | 23. Cattle Egret |
| 3. Grey Headed Wagtail (500) | 24. Common Sandpiper |
| 4. Spoonbills (500) | 25. ⁸³ Skye's Crested Lark |
| 5. Black Headed Ibis (25) | 26. Tree Pipit |
| 6. Large Egret (100) | 27. Swallow |
| 7. Pelicans (10) | 28. Palm Swift |
| 8. Falmingos (3) | 29. Another Brown Swift |
| 9. Brown Headed Gulls (500) | 30. Bl Bellied F. Lark |
| 10. Lesser Bl. Backed Gull | 31. <u>Grey Headed Wagtail (500)</u> |
| 11. Gull billed Tern | 32. Common Bee Eater |
| 12. River Tern | 33. Pied Crested Cuckoo |
| 13. Reef Heron (1) | 34. Grey Drongo |
| 14. Grey Heron (100) | 35. Warbler. |
| 15. Cotton Teal | |
| 16. Common Teal (50) | |
| 17. Avocet (25) | |
| 18. Median Egret | |
| 19. Little Stint (100) | |
| 20. Lesser Sand Plover | |
| 21. L. Ring Plover | |

14.4.73 Vaigai Tharai - 4.45 to 5.45. Cycle.
Hot Day Prof Abraham.

Returned via mandapam Road.

All the way to the Tharavai Practically dry.
Even the vagai bed very dry except the pool of
water.

84 ~~84~~. Common Kingfisher

85 2. Peafowl

3. Common Bee-eater

86 4. Blue-tailed Bee-eater
(Immature)

5. White-throated Munia

6. Spotted Dove

7. Cuckoo

8. Purple Sunbird

9. Jungle Babbler

10. Red-vented Bulbul

11. Hoopoe

12. Indian Robin

13. Golden-backed Woodpecker

14. Brown Shrike or Rufous S?

15. Bay-backed Shrike

16. Ashy Swallow Shrike

18. Koel

19. Grey Drongo

20. Golden Plover

21. Spotted Sandpiper

22. Little R. Plover

23. Kentish Plover.

24. Green Sandpiper

25. Spoonbills (50)

26. Grey Heron

27. Medium Egret

28. Richard's Pipit

29. River Tern

30. Gull-billed Tern

31. Parakeet

32. White-breasted Kingfisher

33. Dawny Bayle

17-4-1973 By path towards Lakshmi Vilas
Wood - 6.15 to 7.40 A.M.

A man brought for sale Lesser
Crested Terns some in breeding plumage
Cap and crest Black some with white
shafts on head. Bill yellow feet Black
and soles yellow. Wood shrike, Brown
Shrike, Black headed Cuckoo Shrike
were there. The creels might have moved
to the tank near the Valipadu Managan
Temple.

1. Purple sunbird
2. Wood shrike
3. Brown Shrike
4. Black headed Cuckoo Shrike
- 87 5. Lesser Crested Tern
7. White breasted Water Hen
8. White breasted Kingfisher
9. White Throated Munia
10. Masked Bush Lark
11. Bl. Bellied Finch Lark
12. Spotted Sandpiper
13. Lesser sand Plover
14. Pied White Wagtail
15. Indian Robin
16. Parakeet
17. Koel (Heard)

20.4.1973 - Mandapam Camp - Pambar 12.30 to 6.00 P.m.

High Tides sea board at Pambar completely merged - no high winds - hot sun - practically trip a failure.

At mandapam leucobul were in huge numbers. able to see and hear loras and koels were also there. While crossing Pambar bridge, The White bellied Sea Eagle was seen sitting on the telegraph pole and it flew with the train.

88 1. lora

2. Little Green Heron

17. Grey Heron

18. Pied Wagtail

89 3. White bellied Sea Eagle

4. Brown Swift

5. Brown headed Gull

6. Lesser Crested Tern

7. Indian Reef Heron

8. Purple Sunbird

90 9. Purple Rumped Sunbird

10. Parakeet

12. Red Shank

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91 14. Red Turtle Dove

15. Wood Shrike

16. Paddle Egret

22.4.73 Periakannai NW B Kalinga 6.00 to 7.00 A.M

Cloudy morning - water gone beyond
the tree - still coming from madai no. 3.
few Pelimingo, Large Egrets in large numbers
Teals, Gulls, Avocets, Painted Storks were there.

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| 1. Pelimingo | 28. Rose Ringed Parakeet |
| 2. Openbilled Stork | 29. Koel |
| 3. Painted Stork | 30. Spotted Owlet |
| 4. Grey Heron | 31. Palm Swift |
| 5. B. Headed Gull | 32. Brown Swift |
| 6. Spoon bill | 33. Median Egret |
| 7. Cattle Teal | |
| 8. Common Teal | |
| 9. Avocet | |
| 10. Stints | |
| 11. Spotted Sandpiper | |
| 12. Madras Bush Lark | |
| 13. Singur Bushlark | |
| 14. Skylark Sky Lark | |
| 15. Purple Sunbird | |
| 16. Jungle Paper | |
| 17. Pied Kingfisher | |
| 18. Pied Crested Cuckoo | |
| 19. Red Vented Bulbul | |
| 20. Yellowthroated Sparrow | |
| 21. Brown Warbler | |
| 22. Little Warbler | |
| 23. White Throated Munia | |
| 24. Cattle Egret | |
| 27. Common Bee Eater | |